



## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

### **Coos Bay BLM Resource Advisory Committee Meeting**

**August 1, 2002**

### **Members Present:**

#### Category 1:

Charlie Waterman  
Timm Slater - Vice-Chair  
Neil Westfall  
Mike Smith  
Amy Ruddell - Absent

#### Category 2:

John Griffith - Chair  
Penny Lind  
Helen Franklin  
Bob Kinyon  
Gordon Ross  
Mark Villers - Alt.-Absent  
John Guynup - Alt.-Absent

#### Category 3:

Janice Tetreault  
Pete DeMain  
Glenn Thompson  
George Smith-Absent  
Edward Cooley-Absent  
Fred Green - Alt.-Absent

### **BLM**

Sue Richardson, Designated Federal Official  
Katie Wash, Note Taker  
and other BLM employees.

### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by John Griffith - Chair, at 9:03am

### **Review of Minutes**

Discussion on minutes from March 7, 2002, meeting.

Charlie Waterman made the motion and Neil Westfall seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **BLM Report - Sue Richardson**

Sue Richardson gave an update on RAC membership and current status of approved "Round 1" Title II projects. On the ground work has been done by the Northwest Youth Corps (trail maintenance projects) and the Dean Creek Culvert Replacement project. BLM has been working on getting the necessary assistance agreements in place. Most projects are expected to start in the fall. Sue Richardson informed the RAC that if they had any interest in a field trip, BLM can arrange one. Sue asked if there were any questions or comments on the projects approved at the previous meeting. No questions. A "Round 1" summary was provided to the RAC.

## **Round 2 Funding - Overhead**

John Griffith - RAC Chair, reviewed the proposal for 8% BLM administrative overhead costs and \$10,000 RAC operating cost for "Round 2" projects.

Penny Lind made a motion that the RAC accept 8% for the BLM administrative overhead.

Bob Kinyon seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Gordon Ross made a motion that the RAC also allocate of \$10,000 for RAC operations.

Jan Tetreault seconded. Motion carried.

## **Review of Projects**

### **1. Curry County Projects**

#### **South Coast Riparian Tech. \$22,000**

Discussion: John Griffith discussed an email sent to Glenn Harkelroad by Lucie LaBonte stating that the Curry County Commissioners were not in favor of funding the South Coast Riparian Tech. and the Cape Blanco Kiosk projects. The BLM and RAC chair have agreed to the following: In situations where the County Commissioners have expressed in advance that they would not be willing to spend Title II county funds on a project, PL 106-393 still allows for the RAC to evaluate the project and send their recommendation forward. If a project that the County Commissioners wish not to fund is recommended, the issue must be resolved between the RAC and the County Commissioners.

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Project not Recommended

#### **New River Large Wood \$8,000**

Discussion: Will this improve fish habitat? That is the intent of this project.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project Recommended

#### **Cape Blanco Interpretive Kiosk \$ 25,000**

Discussion: This was another project that Curry County was not in favor of funding.

Vote Category 3 - Failed

Project not Recommended

#### **Edson Creek Stream Restoration-Channel Stabilization \$39,600**

Discussion: Helen Franklin felt that the area needs work, and that this project should be recommended for funding.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project Recommended

## **Sixes Recreation Sites Trails \$25,000**

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project Recommended

## **Curry County Project Summary**

<b>Total funds available</b>	<b>\$90,941</b>
<b>New River</b>	<b>- \$ 8,000</b>
<b>Edson Restoration</b>	<b>- \$39,600</b>
<b>Sixes River</b>	<b>- \$25,000</b>
<b>Multi-County Weeds</b>	<b>- \$ 7,500</b>
<b>Total Funds Recommended</b>	<b>\$80,100</b>
<b>Total funds left</b>	<b>\$10,841</b>

The RAC elected to carryover approximately \$10,841 to the next round

## **2. Multi-County Projects**

### **Coos Bay District Organic Weed Control / Waipuna- \$67,500**

Discussion: Bob Raper, BLM Natural Resource Specialist, discussed how this weed management project would not duplicate other portions of BLM's weed management program but would supplement it. The Waipuna machine creates a hot water-based foam which is sprayed on the plant and basically cooks it. The BLM will rent the Waipuna machine, as they are not available for sale. Ian Webster, rental manager for Waipuna Systems Unlimited, described the Organic Hot Foam Weed Control System. The foam is a sugar extract from coconuts and it has been reviewed by EPA- it is not a pesticide. Is it Tilth certified? - Not yet. Members discussed the organic farming in all three counties and they were impressed with this non-toxic / pesticide free method. Penny Lind raised the issue of allocation of funds with the three counties having different weed boards. The RAC can only allocate funds for one year because future funding is unknown.

Motion by: Mike Smith made a motion to split the money three ways \$30,000 for Coos County, \$30,000 for Douglas County and \$7,500 for Curry County

Second by: Penny Lind

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project Recommended

### **Aquatic Organism Passage Evaluation \$44,333**

Discussion: John Gutterman, BLM Wildlife Biologist, discussed how the project would monitor primarily amphibian, and possibly some juvenile salmonid, passage at culverts of differing designs. He also informed the RAC of some of the initial findings from the portion of the study funded in "Round 1". Do culverts need retrofitting for more passage success? Concerns were raised about additional monitoring since all RAC projects include monitoring and evaluations. Concerns were

raised about paying for projects and then having to redesign or retrofit the culverts later to improve success. The RAC discussed the need for additional monitoring of culverts and whether Title II funds were the proper source to fund monitoring.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Project not Recommended

### **Mult-County Projects-Summary**

**Organic Weed Control      \$67,000(\$30,000 Coos, \$30,000 Douglas and \$7500 Curry)**

Break for 5 minutes at 10:30 am.

### **3. Coos County Projects**

#### **Watershed Restoration Monitoring \$10,000**

Discussion: Bob Kinyon spoke in support of watershed monitoring

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Project not Recommended

#### **Federal Land Protection - Weeds \$85,000**

Discussion: John Griffith discussed the Coos County's efforts toward weed control since this project was funded in Round 1(\$60,000 funded in Round 1). Glenn Harkleroad, BLM Coos Bay District Restoration Coordinator, explained that the Assistance Agreement between BLM and Coos County is currently in the BLM's State Office procurement shop and should be ready within the month. John Griffith explained that the county is holding public meetings in an effort to get public support for treatments on private lands. Coos County wants to start a weed control district. Jan Tetreault was concerned about the status of the assistance agreement and that Coos County had made no progress with last years allocated dollars. Gordon Ross discussed that the weed treatments will need to be done in the spring before the weeds go to seed. Bob Kinyon requested additional information on how the \$5000 for monitoring would be used. Helen Franklin said one gets the best weed kill by spraying in the fall. The Coos County Road Department would implement the Coos County weed program. Penny Lind spoke in support of the outreach and public education portion of the program.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project recommended for one year \$85,000

This recommendation was subsequently amended to \$60,000 as a result of discussion by Pete DeMain.

Please see page 6.

### **Forest Work Crews \$44,350**

Discussion: The summary sheet needs to be consistent in how it reflects the per year costs and the multi-year dollar amounts. Part of this year's funding request was to purchase a van for community service work crew transportation.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Failed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project not Recommended

### **Catching Slough Rd. Maint. & Fish Passage \$203,249**

Discussion: This project was viewed favorably. Discussion focused around the large scope of this project. This project has 10 separate components.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project Recommended

### **Big Creek Paving**

### **Rock Creek Sediment Abatement**

### **Sandy Creek Fish Pass. & Sediment Abatement**

Discussion: Paul Slater, Coos County Highway Dept. noted that this project could compliment other projects occurring in the area. Neil Westfall noted that most of the main roads in the vicinity are already paved and that the paving proposed here would complement that. Rock Creek and Big Creek are right across from each other so they might be able to be done at the same time with a cost saving resulting from an economy of scale. Helen Franklin asked what would it take to get started and who would do the work? This work would be done by the Coos County Road Department. Tom Wilczek, BLM District Engineer, agreed that the Big Creek work was needed.

Motion by: Mike Smith made a motion to approve the remainder of the project money on three projects: Sandy Creek, Fish Passage and Sediment Abatement, Rock Creek Sediment Abatement and Big Creek Paving. The Coos County Road Department would prioritize where to spend the money.

Bob Kinyon asked Sue Richardson to speak to the full list of BLM projects that would go unfunded if this motioned carried. Sue felt that the BLM projects could wait, but she did ask the RAC to consider funding a few smaller ticket items such as Euphoria Ridge Meadow Restoration and the Aerial Photos for the Coos County Planning Department before allocating the remaining money for this road project. Mike Smith made a motion to amend the original motion to allocate \$500,000 to the three road projects listed above.

Second by: Gordon Ross seconded the motion and Gordon Ross seconded the amendment

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Projects Recommended for the total sum of \$500,000

Lunch: 12:05 pm     Meeting Reconvened at 1pm

Motion : Pete DeMain, Coos County Commissioner, made a motion to reduce the amount of funds for noxious weeds in Coos County from \$85,000 to \$60,000 and make the \$25,000 available to fund projects that were still being considered.

Second: Jan Tetreault

Motion Approved

**Lone Pine Lane Overlay Project \$220,000**

\Vote Category 3-Not Passed

Project not recommended

**Euphoria Ridge Camas Meadow Rest. Coquille Indian Tribe \$10,000**

Discussion: Reg Pullen, BLM Myrtlewood Outdoor Recreation Planner, reported that the tribe has been restoring the trail and the meadows to help prevent the encroachment of conifers and noxious weeds. Mike Smith, South Coast Trail Riders, expressed frustration that in the past the tribe had made mountain bikers move a trail off the meadow. Reg said the tribe had agreed to approve recreation trails and the trail in question had been rerouted to protect sensitive meadow resources. As part of the native plant restoration, the BLM intends to develop an interpretive brochure about the area, native plants and their historical native American uses. Helen Franklin, asked about the public benefit. Concern was expressed by Penny Lind about the interface between trails and Native American sacred sites. Reg said there were sacred sites in the area but none of them are near the trail.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Project Not Recommended

**Upper Hantz Creek Wood Placement \$40,150**

Discussion: Gordon Ross asked how would the logs be placed in the small stream. Was there any assurance they wouldn't move during flooding? Scott Lightcap, BLM fisheries Biologist addressed Gordon's concerns. Large Wood Placement would reply on existing channel features and stream side trees for stability. This technique has worked well in the past in streams throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Project not Recommended

**J. Old Camas/Brownstone RD2Trail \$45,000**

Discussion: Mike Smith suggested that there would only be a trail for a while because of the likelihood of using the road in the future. Dale Stewart, BLM Soil Scientist, responded that in the meantime this trail would reduce open road density and help decrease resource damage that is currently occurring as a result of unanticipated 4-wheel drive activity occurring on the "closed" road. The goal of the project is to reduce sediment entering streams and maintain or enhance opportunities for mountain bike and hiking.

Vote Category 3 - Failed

Project not Recommended

**Fall Creek Paving \$149,420**

Vote Category 3 -Failed

Project not Recommended

**Aerial Photos for Coos Co. Planning Department \$20,600**

Discussion: Helen Franklin thanked Glenn Harkleroad for submitting this request. These photos were taken this spring. Aerial photos are done every 5 years. This proposal will purchase one hard copy set of aerial photos for Coos County (to be housed at the County planning department) and a digital set for the Coquille and the Coos Watershed Associations. Jan Tetreault asked how providing these photos benefitted public lands? These watershed associations often work adjacent to public lands and these photos give them more information to make better decisions. Neil Westfall stated that they will benefit private land owners also.

Vote Category 3 - Passed

Vote Category 2 - Passed

Vote Category 1 - Passed

Project Recommended

**Public Comment Period**

Roberta Stewart of Bandon asked where the public could find out more about the RAC, meetings etc. RAC meeting notices are printed in The World newspaper and the Coos Bay BLM maintains RAC information on their public web site. The information about who to contact for an application to serve on the RAC, as well as project application forms currently need to be added back onto the BLM Coos Bay website.

Jim Hallberg, BLM State Office County Payments Coordinator, also pointed out that there is a web site that addresses a national perspective of Public Law 106-393. That web site is located at [www.countypayments.gov](http://www.countypayments.gov).

**Yankee Run Watershed Restoration \$271,950**

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Project not Recommended

**Elk Wallow Quarry Rock Production - \$300,000**

Discussion: Helen Franklin said this was some pretty expensive rock and the money could be better spent elsewhere. Timm Slater noted that unattended stockpiles tend to get smaller over time.

Vote Category 3 - Failed

Project not Recommended

**Cherry Park Unit 4 Road Improvement- \$171,600**

Discussion: The discussion centered on which of the two projects (Cherry Creek 1 or Cherry Creek 4) would provide the greatest employment benefit for the region. Terry Evans, BLM Timber Sale Planner, said that the larger unit Cherry Park #1 would provide the greatest benefit and could be accomplished with the RAC funding remaining at the time (\$58,000).

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Project not Recommended

**Cherry Cr. Unit 1 Road Improvement-\$155,800**

Vote Category 3 - Failed

Project not Recommended

**Lost Creek Culvert Replacement- \$77,000**

Discussion: Lost Creek Culvert Replacement and Tributary to Middle Creek Culvert were discussed at the same time. Currently, the Middle Creek culvert does pass fish and has rusted through on the outlet end. There is no historical fish count information for either stream.

Vote Category 2 - Failed

Project not Recommended

**Tributary to Middle Cr. Culvert Replacement \$77,000**

Discussion: See above

Vote Category 1 - Failed

Project not Recommended

Neil Westfall made a motion that since there is not enough money left to fund any of the above 4 projects, the RAC should take the remaining funds and contribute them to the 3 road paving projects which are underfunded

Gordon Ross made the second

Helen voiced support for the proposal

Vote -For- 8; Opposed 5

Motion Passed

**COOS COUNTY SUMMARY**

**Coos County Total Dollars \$872,197**

1. Weed Control Multi Cty.	- \$ 30,000
2. Weeds	- \$ 60,000(amended down from \$ 85,000)
3. Catching Slough Rd-	\$ 203,249
4. Sandy/Rock/Big Paving-	\$ 558,348(amended up from \$500,000)
5. Aerial Photos	- \$ 20,600
Total funds recommended	\$ 872,197
Total funds left	\$ 0

**4. Douglas County Projects**

Motion by: Penny Lind, to approve all projects except the Road Surface Renovation/Drainage Impr., Vincent Creek Culvert Modification, Vincent Creek Tributary Culvert Replacement and the Mehl Creek Road and Culvert and amend the Aerial Photos for Umpqua Basin WC to \$100 for an digital photo set for the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council.

Second by:Bob Kinyon seconded

Motion carried.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SUMMARY**

**Douglas County Total Dollars\$570,387**

Multi-County Weeds	- \$ 30,000
Burn Creek In-stream	- \$ 10,200
Windy Creek Culvert	- \$ 57,100



S. Sister Culvert	-	\$ 75,350
Cedar Creek Culvert	-	\$ 45,800
Soup Creek Culvert	-	\$ 88,850
W. Mosetown Culvert	-	\$ 95,600
Smith R.Salmonid Trap	-	\$ 54,000
Umpqua Aerial Photos	-	\$ 100
Umpqua Enhancements	-	\$ 21,461
Harvey Cr.Enhancemts	-	\$ 12,210
Fishery Biologist Supp.	-	\$ 15,898 (Amended from 31,784)
Information Dev.	-	\$ 19,000
Impl. Monitoring	-	\$ 10,000
Total Funds Spent		\$535,569
Total Funds Left		\$ 34,818

Penny Lind said she was pleased with the effectiveness of Douglas County project vote. However, in the future she feels that there should be more RAC discussion and consideration of the individual projects. Penny does not like handling the process in that fashion and does not feel it is within the spirit of the legislation.

### **BLM WRAP UP**

Sue Richardson asked the group to think about future field trips, these would occur between August 15 and September 30<sup>th</sup>. Sue asked everyone to remember that the deadline for next year's projects is May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The group then discussed a possible change in time for next years' prioritization meeting. Continuing to hold the meeting in August or September would be best as potential funding levels are known and it is before September 30<sup>th</sup>, when the recommendations are due to Sue.

Sue Richardson reminded everyone to be sure to help recruit for Coos Bay RAC alternates. We still need to fill vacancies in Category 1 and Category 3. The BLM has outreach information for recruiting. Membership information is also available on the website.

Jan Tetreault made a motion to carry over any Curry and Douglas county monies that were unallocated and Charlie Waterman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Sue said to send any recommended changes of the project application forms to Glenn and he would review them and make appropriate changes. Helen Franklin talked about how to improve the proposal submissions by providing better justification of how each project benefits the public good. The group also expressed a need for detailing their accomplishments, especially on multi-year projects. Jan Tetreault congratulated the BLM on the minutes of the previous meeting being thorough, yet not too wordy.

### **Future Meetings**

Next August or September 2003

Meeting adjourned :2:40 pm

These minutes approved by the membership on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Griffith, Chair

Attachments: RAC project recommendation summaries (3 pages)